

## SUMMARY

### **“DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE”**

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- 24 The \$90,000 appropriation for the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey is eliminated. Funding for the designated certifying organization should be provided through the Organic Certification Program appropriation.

### **“DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS”**

- 30 The appropriation for the National Center for Neighborhood and Brownfields Redevelopment, Rutgers University is deleted. Insufficient information exists to determine whether this duplicates efforts already underway by the Office of State Planning.
- 30 The appropriation for Alloway Township – Bostwick Lake Dredging is eliminated. An Executive Order creating a task force to investigate such lake projects has been recently issued. Funding for this project should be deferred until the Task Force recommendations have been issued.
- 30 The appropriation for Belleville Township – Library Repairs is eliminated. The township should seek funding through the \$45 million Public Library Project Fund for construction and renovation.
- 31 The appropriation for Bloomfield Township – Clark’s Pond Dredging is eliminated. An executive order creating a task force to investigate such lake projects has recently been issued. Funding for this project should be deferred until the Task Force recommendations have been issued.
- 31 The appropriation for Branchville Borough – Reimbursement for DEP-Halted Paulinskill Project Expenses is eliminated. DEP has rejected funding for this project due to the presence of federally endangered wedgemussel species in the vicinity of the proposed discharge into the Paulinskill River. It is inappropriate to provide reimbursement in this circumstance.
- 31 The appropriation of \$120,000 for the Burlington Township – Police Vehicles is eliminated. The sponsor provided no justification for this appropriation.
- 31 The appropriation for Collingswood Borough – Children’s Library is eliminated. The borough should seek funding through the \$45 million Public Library Project Fund for construction and renovation.
- 31 The appropriation of \$50,000 for Delran Township – Safety Repair to Storm Drain is eliminated. Insufficient information was provided to justify this appropriation.
- 32 The appropriation for Fairfield Township (Essex) – Municipal Improvements is eliminated. Information supplied by the sponsor indicates that this appropriation is for tax appeal amelioration. The extraordinary aid program provides funds, where appropriate, to address hardships resulting from tax appeals.

- 32 The appropriation for Fanwood Borough – Memorial Library is eliminated. The borough should seek funding through the \$45 million Public Library Project Fund for construction and renovation.
- 32 The appropriation for Florham Park Borough – Free Public Library is eliminated. The borough should seek funding through the \$45 million Public Library Project Fund for construction and renovation.
- 32 The appropriation for Franklin Borough – Franklin Pond Dredging is eliminated. An Executive Order creating a task force to investigate such lake projects has been recently issued. Funding for this project should be deferred until the Task Force recommendations have been issued.
- 32 The appropriation of \$500,000 for Franklin Borough - Wallkill River Project for center designation activities is reduced to \$250,000, a level that is appropriate for this purpose.
- 32 The appropriation of \$700,000 for Gloucester City – Proprietor Park is reduced to \$350,000. This is an appropriate level of funding for this project.
- 32 The appropriation for Haddon Heights Borough – Relocation of Softball Field is eliminated. This is duplicative of another Legislative addition that would provide the same level of funding for this project.
- 32 The appropriation of \$1,000,000 for Hardyston Township -. Wallkill River Project for center designation activities is reduced to \$500,000, a level that is appropriate for this purpose.
- 33 The appropriation of \$150,000 for Holmdel Township – Senior Citizen Center Recreational Equipment is reduced to \$26,000. This amount is consistent with the original funding request for this purpose.
- 33 The appropriation for Hopewell Township (Cumberland) – Bostwick Lake Dredging is eliminated. An Executive Order creating a task force to investigate such lake projects has been recently issued. Funding for this project should be deferred until the Task Force recommendations have been issued.
- 33 The appropriation for Jefferson Township – Lake Shawnee Project is eliminated. An Executive Order creating a task force to investigate such lake projects has recently been issued. Funding for this project should be deferred until the Task Force recommendations have been issued.
- 34 The appropriation for Middletown Township – Shadow Lake Restoration is eliminated. An Executive Order creating a task force to investigate such lake projects has recently been issued. Funding for this project should be deferred until the Task Force recommendations have been issued.
- 35 The appropriation of \$500,000 for Ogdensburg Borough - Wallkill River Project for center designation activities is reduced to \$250,000, a level that is appropriate for this purpose.
- 35 The appropriation for Paramus Borough – Historical Museum is eliminated. There are two Legislative additions that would appropriate funds for this purpose. This appropriation of \$484,000 is eliminated, while the appropriation for \$200,000 remains in the Budget. This lesser amount should be sufficient for this purpose.

- 35 The appropriation of \$100,000 for the New Brunswick City – Community Shuttle Bus is eliminated. The sponsor of this appropriation has indicated his lack of support for the fiscal 2001 budget. Therefore it would be inconsistent with the sponsor’s intent to approve this appropriation.
- 35 The appropriation of \$100,000 for the New Brunswick City – Buy and Fix-It Program is eliminated. The sponsor of this appropriation has indicated his lack of support for the fiscal 2001 budget. Therefore it would be inconsistent with the sponsor’s intent to approve this appropriation.
- 35 The appropriation of \$100,000 for the New Brunswick City – Street Lighting is eliminated. The sponsor of this appropriation has indicated his lack of support for the fiscal 2001 budget. Therefore it would be inconsistent with the sponsor’s intent to approve this appropriation.
- 36 The appropriation for Rahway City Gateway Project is eliminated. Funds are available from an appropriation for this purpose budgeted to the Department of Transportation.
- 37 The appropriation of \$1,000,000 for Sparta Township - Wallkill River Project for center designation activities is reduced to \$500,000, a level that is appropriate for this purpose.
- 37 The appropriation for Upper Deerfield Township – Bostwick Lake Dredging is eliminated. An Executive Order creating a task force to investigate such lake projects has been recently issued. Funding for this project should be deferred until the Task Force recommendations have been issued.
- 37 The appropriation for Upper Deerfield Township – Dam Restoration is eliminated. The Budget recommends \$10 million for dam repair in fiscal 2001.
- 37 The appropriation of \$1,000,000 for Vernon Township - Wallkill River Project for center designation activities is reduced to \$500,000, a level that is appropriate for this purpose.
- 37 The appropriation for Voorhees Township – Senior/Handicapped Bus is eliminated. Another Legislative addition would provide the same level of funding for the same item.
- 40 The appropriation for Watershed Moratorium Offset Aid is reduced to \$3,285,000. Based on data provided by the Departments of Community Affairs and Environmental Protection, the actual need for this program in fiscal 2001 is approximately \$3.3 million.
- 44 The \$25,000 appropriation for the First Class Championship Development Center, Newark is eliminated. Funding for this initiative is not appropriate at this time.
- 44 The appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the Paulinskill Lake Project, Branchville and Frankford is reduced to \$280,000. Recent engineering estimates indicate that \$280,000 is sufficient for this purpose.
- 45 The appropriation of \$250,000 for the Netcong-Port Morris Site Committee – Master Plan is eliminated. The fiscal 2001 budget for the Department of Community Affairs includes a \$3,000,000 line item for planning assistance for counties and other local agencies.

- 45 The appropriation for Cheesequake Village Association, Lake Logan Dam is eliminated. The Budget recommends \$10 million for dam repair in fiscal 2001.
- 45 The appropriation of \$100,000 for the New Jersey Crime Victims' Law Center, Sparta is reduced to \$25,000. This amount will provide sufficient funding at this time.
- 46 The appropriation of \$90,000 for the Sussex County Weather Network is eliminated. This item would provide funds for a local weather network dedicated to residents of Sussex County. There are numerous existing weather systems capable of providing this information to residents of Sussex County.
- 46 The appropriation of \$75,000 for the Library of the Chathams – Expansion is eliminated. Funding is available through the \$45 million Public Library Project Fund for construction and renovation.
- 46 The appropriation of \$36,000 for the Second Reformed Church, Little Falls – Facilities Improvements is eliminated. This project would be more appropriately funded by private sources.
- 46 The appropriation of \$275,000 for the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce – Relocation of Information Center is eliminated. Funds would be used to relocate the Information Center as a result of the reconstruction of the Route 52 Causeway. Funds for this purpose should be included in the funding for DOT's plan to reconstruct the Route 52 Causeway.
- 46 The appropriation of \$150,000 for the Chad School Foundation is eliminated. State funding for Non-Public School Aid was increased by \$5.5 million in fiscal 2001, providing new resources for schools of this type.
- 48 The appropriation of \$25,000 for the Crosswicks Library – Facility Renovations is eliminated. Funding is available through the \$45 million Public Library Project Fund for construction and renovation.
- 48 The appropriation of \$10,000 for the Haledon Public Library is eliminated. Funding is available through the \$45 million Public Library Project Fund for construction and renovation.
- 49 The appropriation of \$500,000 for the Special Olympics New Jersey Sports Research and Training Center is eliminated. This is duplicative of another legislative item that would provide the same level of funding for this project.

#### **“DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION”**

- 62 The appropriation of \$372,000 for the Clifton Board of Education – Pilot Program for at-risk students is eliminated. The district receives Demonstrably Effective Program Aid, which is directed towards educational improvements for at-risk populations, as well as other forms of aid.
- 62 The \$38,000 appropriation for the Lyndhurst School District – Special Education is eliminated. The district is already scheduled to receive an increase of \$241,953 in CEIFA assistance for school year 2000-2001.

- 62 The appropriation of \$300,000 for the Belvidere School District – Aid Error Rectification is eliminated. The district is already scheduled to receive an increase of \$169,006 in CEIFA assistance for school year 2000-2001.
- 63 The removal of Middlesex County from the title Middlesex County – Safe Schools and Communities Violence Prevention and Response Pilot Plan allows the Department of Education to offer this pilot program to all counties on a competitive basis.
- 63 The \$15,000 appropriation for the El Al Huda School -- After School and Scholarship Program is eliminated. State funding for Non-Public School Aid was increased by \$5.5 million in fiscal 2001, providing new resources for schools of this type.
- 63 The appropriation of \$275,000 for the Englewood Schools – Dwight Morrow High School Magnet Program is eliminated. The district is already scheduled to receive an increase of \$464,244 in CEIFA assistance for school year 2000-2001.
- 63 The \$500,000 appropriation for the Educational Information and Resource Center is reduced to \$400,000, providing continuation funding for this purpose.
- 72 The appropriation for the Governor’s School is reduced by \$250,000 to \$1,754,000. This will provide continuation funding for the five existing schools and funding for the creation of a sixth school, at a level which is consistent with the others.
- 72 The appropriation of \$1,500,000 for Continuing Education for Teachers is eliminated. Decisions regarding the funding of professional development programs for teachers should be made at the local level rather than at the State level. Other resources have been provided in the fiscal 2001 appropriations to improve the skills and knowledge of teachers.

**“DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION”**

- 78 The \$400,000 appropriation for Mountain Lakes Borough - Birchwood and Crystal Lake Dams Restoration Project is eliminated. The Budget recommends \$10 million for dam repair in fiscal 2001.
- 78 The \$150,000 appropriation for Edison Tower Restoration, Edison is eliminated. The Budget currently recommends funding of \$3,100,000 for Historical Preservation/Renovation – Buildings, Structures and Monuments.
- 88 The Language Imposing Conditions on Awarding of Watershed Management Grants is amended. The Department needs flexibility in administering the program.

**“DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES”**

- 89 The \$500,000 appropriation for the Youth Trauma Initiative is deleted. The department has sufficient funds in its FY2001 appropriation to fully fund the cost of this initiative.

- 91 The \$350,000 appropriation to Pregnancy Aid Centers is eliminated. Any increase in funding should be made available to organizations providing a full range of reproductive health services.
- 92 The \$2,500,000 appropriation to the Child Health Institute of New Jersey represents debt service for a \$30 million capital facility at the UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Since this budget also provides funding for long-term debt service for \$100 million for higher priority capital facilities for UMDNJ, this appropriation can be reduced to \$1,000,000.
- 92 The \$2,000,000 appropriation to the Garden State Cancer Center is eliminated. This budget provides \$5 million for debt service on a \$100 million capital program for the Cancer Institute of New Jersey-UMDNJ.
- 92 The appropriation of \$500,000 for Columbus Hospital in Newark is eliminated. This request represents the forgiveness of debt to the State arising from a recent Medicaid settlement, and is therefore not appropriate.
- 92 The appropriation of \$250,000 to the Monmouth Medical Center – Long Branch Health Center is eliminated. Funds provided last year have not been spent and are available for this purpose.
- 92 The \$50,000 appropriation to Monmouth Medical Center – Dental Clinic is deleted. Funds provided last year have not been spent and are available for this purpose.
- 92 The \$150,000 appropriation to the Jersey Shore Medical Center’s Family Health Center Initiative is deleted. The FY2001 appropriation includes an increase of \$18 million over the FY2000 appropriated level for supplemental Charity Care.
- 92 The CAMcare Health Corporation’s \$500,000 appropriation for a Downtown Health Center is eliminated. The FY2001 appropriation includes funding for the Family Care Program. This program will provide health insurance coverage for uninsured families, including presumptive eligibility payments to federally qualified health centers.
- 92 The \$200,000 appropriation for Bayshore Community Hospital at South Amboy is eliminated. The Governor’s budget increases funding to hospitals by \$172.6 million.
- 92 The appropriation of \$150,000 for the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center is eliminated. The Governor’s budget increases funding to hospitals by \$172.6 million.
- 93 The \$100,000 appropriation for St. Barnabas Medical Center, Valerie Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders is eliminated. The Governor’s budget increases funding to hospitals by \$172.6 million.
- 93 The appropriation of \$50,000 for Transportation Services and Facility Improvements at Saint Mary’s Hospital is deleted. The Governor’s budget increases funding to hospitals by \$172.6 million.
- 93 The \$75,000 appropriation for the STAR Foundation’s Radiation and Public Health Project in Monmouth and Ocean Counties is deleted. The Department awards grants on a competitive basis. This foundation should apply for a grant or explore private or federal funding.

- 95 The language allocating the \$350,000 for Pregnancy Aid Centers is eliminated. The appropriation for this purpose was eliminated, therefore, this language is unnecessary.
- 96 The language directing \$250,000 to Thomas A. Edison State College and \$250,000 to NJIT is deleted in order to allow the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to take an active role in the implementation of the Statewide Information Network. These entities remain eligible for funding through contracts with the Department of Health and Senior Services.
- 96 The \$2,500,000 appropriation for Our Lady of Lourdes Health System – Osborn Family Health Center is reduced to \$500,000. The Governor’s budget increases funding to hospitals by \$172.6 million.
- 97 The \$2,000,000 appropriation for Cooper Health System – Emergency Medicine and Family Medicine is reduced to \$1.5 million. The Governor’s budget increases funding to hospitals by \$172.6 million.
- 102 The current cap of nursing care is increased from 115% to a 120% limit. An appropriation of \$10 million is provided to fund this regulation.
- 106 The requirement to report to the Legislature and the Governor on a monthly basis is unnecessary.

#### **“DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES”**

- 107 Language allowing the transfer of funds related to the Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital Bridge Fund is changed to permit flexibility necessary for community services related to the closure or reconfiguration. This will allow funding for services appropriate to patient needs.
- 108 The funding for Merit Increase – Community Services is eliminated. Providing a higher rate of increase for only mental health contracts presents an equity issue for similar contracts for other human service community providers.
- 117 Language making available an amount not to exceed \$9,550,000 in State funds for the purpose of covering Home Health Services costs is deleted. This language is unnecessary because the Fiscal Year 2001 appropriation for Payments for Medical Assistance Recipients - Home Health has been increased by \$9,550,000.
- 131 The General Assistance (GA) appropriation is reduced by \$1.2 million to reflect lower caseload projections.
- 131 The Food Stamps for Legal Aliens appropriation is reduced by \$500,000. This reduction is in line with the most recent caseload projections.

#### **“DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS”**

- 157 The \$92,000 appropriation for the New Jersey Naval Militia Joint Command - Personnel and Operational Support is eliminated. No justification was provided for this request.

#### **“DEPARTMENT OF STATE”**

- 165 The appropriation of \$500,000 for the Fisheries Information and Development Center is eliminated. Rutgers University received a \$500,000 supplemental appropriation in the current year, none of which has been expended to date. Therefore, funds are available for this purpose.
- 165 The \$1,500,000 appropriation for the New Jersey EcoComplex is reduced to \$1,000,000. This level of funding is appropriate for this purpose.
- 165 The appropriation of \$750,000 for Millennium Agriculture at the Agricultural Experiment Station is eliminated. In fiscal 2001, the Agricultural Experiment Station will receive an increase of \$627,000 or 2.5% over the current year, which is a sufficient level of funding.
- 166 The appropriation of \$800,000 for the Center for Children's Support, UMDNJ - Expansion is eliminated. The appropriation for UMDNJ
- includes funding for FamilyCare, a program that provides health insurance to families. This will reduce the amount of Charity Care provided by hospitals.
- 166 The appropriation of \$450,000 for the New Jersey Area Health Education Program, School of Osteopathic Medicine is reduced by \$290,000 to \$160,000. This reduced amount, in addition to \$290,000 already in the budget for this purpose, will provide the same level of appropriation as the current year.
- 173 The appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the South Jersey Performing Arts Center is reduced to \$750,000. Other funding, including private contributions, is available for this purpose.
- 173 The appropriation of \$465,000 for the Ellis Island Foundation is reduced to \$400,000. This funding amount is sufficient for this purpose.
- 173 The appropriation of \$50,000 for the Port Colden United Methodist Church - Historic Restoration is eliminated. This project would be more appropriately funded through private sources.

#### **"DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION"**

- 178 The current language caps the amount of receipts appropriated to the program at \$800,000. If the cap is not removed, DOT will not be able to cover the cost of the program for the full year.
- 179 The appropriation for the Gateway Enhanced Maintenance Program is reduced to \$11,200,000 which will provide sufficient funding for this program.
- 185 The appropriation of up to \$300,000 from the Transportation Trust Fund for Ocean County engineering and design of the Fischer Boulevard Extension in Dover Township is eliminated. This proposed revision to DOT's fiscal 2001 capital program is not necessary since funds are available for these projects from DOT's local aid program.
- 185 The appropriation of up to \$2.2 million from the Transportation Trust Fund to repair Route 82/Morris Avenue Bridge is eliminated. This proposed revision to DOT's fiscal 2001 capital program would circumvent the normal capital planning process. This project should be submitted to DOT for consideration, prioritized against other projects, and if approved, funded as a line item within the Department's fiscal 2002 capital program.



- 185 The appropriation of up to \$500,000 from the Transportation Trust Fund for Breakneck Road, Vernon Township is eliminated. This proposed revision to DOT's fiscal 2001 capital program is not necessary since funds are available for these projects from DOT's local aid program.
- 185 The appropriation of up to \$150,000 from the Transportation Trust Fund for Munsonhurst Road/Route 517, Franklin Borough is eliminated. This proposed revision to DOT's fiscal 2001 capital program is not necessary since funds are available for these projects from DOT's local aid program.
- 188 The conditional veto pending before the legislature (Senate Committee Substitute for S-16) reauthorizing the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) contains a provision limiting the amount of salary and overhead costs chargeable to the TTF. This provision has an estimated fiscal impact of \$15 million in fiscal 2001. To offset this cost, New Jersey Transit's operating subsidy was increased by \$15 million in fiscal 2001. However, this provision has been conditionally vetoed in the final version of the TTF

reauthorization bill, since it may unintentionally preclude the Department of Transportation and New Jersey Transit from the legitimate and proper use of TTF resources for salary and overhead expenditures that are inextricably linked to capital projects. Therefore, New Jersey Transit's operating subsidy can be reduced by \$15 million without adversely impacting operations or service levels.

#### **"DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY"**

- 190 The \$5,000,000 appropriation for the Monmouth University - Multi-Purpose Regional Activity Center is reduced to \$3,500,000. Additional funds as required should be provided through revenues generated from the activities held at the facility or through private fundraising.
- 191 The \$500,000 appropriation for Felician College – Flood Relief is eliminated. Felician College will receive funds from the State appropriation for Emergency Disaster Relief.
- 191 The \$175,000 appropriation for the Georgian Court College - Environmental Enhancement of Residence Hall, which would be used to fund the installation of air conditioning in a staff residential facility, is eliminated.
- 195 The appropriation for the New Jersey Trade Development Corporation is reduced by \$85,000. The Corporation received \$150,000 in fiscal year 2000. The remaining appropriation of \$115,000 plus \$35,000 in unspent funds from Fiscal 2000 will provide level funding for this program.
- 195 The appropriation for the Bayshore Development Office is deleted. The Bayshore Development Office is funded within the New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission. Currently \$100,000 remains unexpended from a Bayshore Development grant received by the Commission from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey several years ago.
- 195 The appropriation for the International Development Research Council, New Jersey Chapter is deleted. The request for funds is for activities currently performed by the New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission.

- 205 Language requiring the amount appropriated for Solid Waste Management-County Environmental Debt Service Aid to be approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee prior to distribution is deleted. The State Treasurer currently notifies the Joint Budget Oversight Committee of the amount and recipient of amounts to counties or county authorities for this purpose.

**“INTERDEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS”**

- 213 Language that appropriates additional funds for debt service costs of the Sports and Exposition Authority is changed to allow the State more flexibility to ensure that the debt service obligations of the Authority will be satisfied.
- 215 The appropriation of \$266,154,000 for Social Security Tax - State is reduced by \$400,000 as a result of the reduction of the Gateway Maintenance Project in the Department of Transportation.
- 217 Language that appropriates funds from the Information Technology Equipment Upgrades Account is changed to provide needed administrative flexibility.

**“GENERAL PROVISIONS”**

- 280 The amount to establish a prescription drug program for elderly and disabled citizens who are not eligible to participate in the Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled is reduced to reflect revised estimates.
- 281 Language that requires repayments to the New Home Warranty Fund is eliminated. Sufficient balances exist in the Fund to address the ongoing needs of the Department of Community Affairs’ related programs.

Respectfully,

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